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Sub: Institutionalization of Annual National Workshop on "Garima" for Core Sanitation Workers' Safety and Welfare

No.25575–HUD-SANT-MISC-0033/2025/HUD.– In recognition of the invaluable contribution of Core Sanitation Workers to the cause of public health and urban hygiene, the State Government has been implementing the *Garima* Scheme w.e.f. dated 11th September, 2020 for ensuring the safety, dignity and welfare of Core Sanitation Workers and their families. The scheme has since evolved as a model initiative, receiving appreciation at the national level for its comprehensive approach to transforming sanitation work into dignified and safe occupation.

In order to commemorate the launch of the Garima scheme, and to institutionalise the observance of "Garima Day" the Government of Odisha is pleased to decide that a National Workshop shall be organised every year on the 4th Saturday and Sunday of August, under the aegis of the Housing & Urban Development Department.

The annual workshop shall serve as a regular platform for dialogue, experience sharing, and exchange of ideas among policymakers, practitioners, experts, and stakeholders at the national and state levels. It will also aim to promote innovation, convergence of efforts, and policy reforms concerning the safety, dignity, and welfare of Core Sanitation Workers. The observance of "Garima Day" through this National Workshop will symbolise Odisha's continued commitment to inclusive, humane, and sustainable sanitation.

The Housing & Urban Development Department shall be the Nodal Department for coordination and organization of the annual National Workshop in collaboration with relevant line departments, Central Ministries, and other stakeholders.

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ORDER – Ordered that the Notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

By Order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government

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